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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides methods and compositions for identifying compounds which inhibit ApoCI and which are useful in the treatment or prevention of atherosclerosis, plaque rupture, apoptosis, or myocardial infarction. The invention further provides methods for treating subjects suffering from or at risk of developing atherosclerosis, plaque rupture, apoptosis, or myocardial infarction. The invention further provides methods for diagnosing subjects at suffering from or at risk of developing treatment or prevention of atherosclerosis, plaque rupture, apoptosis, or myocardial infarction.

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